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DOC employees save agency thousands with first process improvement of the year



A new year brings with it new opportunities to help save the state money.

For a group of employees at the Department of Corrections, it also was their chance to help change the way the agency handles its medical claims.

Over the course of the year, Elizabeth Lasley, PJ Kohler, and Adolfo Ray Ebio successfully identified \$106,000 in medical costs from health care providers for offender-related medical treatments that should have been covered by the Labor and Industries workers' compensation. They also established a new process that will help the Department of Corrections HR department properly identify those claims that are covered under workers' compensation, saving the agency valuable money and time in the future.

The Department of Corrections enthusiastically approved this Teamwork Incentive Program team, and continues to encourage its employees to search for new ways to help save the agency money.

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